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Point Atkinson Lighthouse receives heritage designation

WEST VANCOUVER, B.C., September 18, 1994 Point Atkinson Lighthouse was officially recognized today as a structure of national historic significance with the unveiling of a plaque of the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

Vancouver East M.P. Anna Terrana unveiled the commemorative plaque on behalf of the Minister of Canadian Heritage, the Honourable Michel Dupuy, during a special ceremony at the lighthouse. The ceremony was hosted by the Department of Canadian Heritage with the participation of the District of West Vancouver.

The Point Atkinson tower, with its powerful light and strategic position, has played a major role in securing navigation into Vancouver and is one of the most significant lighthouses on Canada's Pacific Coast. Point Atkinson Lighthouse was established on the outer approach to Burrard Inlet in 1875 to protect the shipping interests of the new port of Vancouver. Canada's Department of Marine and Fisheries replaced the original tower in 1912 with this hexagonal reinforced concrete structure, then being introduced across its system.

The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada advises the Minister of Canadian Heritage on matters of national historic and architectural significance.

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